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10 July

1. General LI Mi will leave Chefoo soon to command the Nationalist 2 Corps, composed of the Nationalist 8 and 9 Armies in Chinghuangtao (119-35,39-57). The Nationalist 8 Army is composed of the New 3, 42 and 55 Divisions; the Nationalist 9 Army contains the 1 Honorable Division and other divisions, whose designations are unknown. The Nationalist 8 Division, consisting of the 103 and New 2 Brigades, will remain in Chefoo under General WANG Po-hsun (王伯勳). The total strength of the 8 Division is approximately 18,000.
2. Three Communist divisions are massing near Tawenkou (117-06,35-57).

12 July

3. Communist troops under the command of CHEN Yi and LIU Po-ch'eng captured Feicheng (116-46,36-15). CHEN Yi's 1, 4, 6 and Trotting Columns are in the Tingtao (115-40,35-06), Hotse area. Part of the Nationalist 5 Army crossed the Lungtai railroad to follow the Communist troops.

13 July

4. The 42 Division of the Nationalist 8 Army, is moving from Shanhaikuan (119-47, 40-01) on two ships; the strength of the division is approximately 10,000. On 13 July the SS HAI HSIANG, carrying 1,000 headquarters troops of this unit, stopped at Tsingtao, and departed for Shanghai the same day. WANG Po-hsun is expected to return to Tsingtao from Shanghai soon to exchange places with General LI Mi in Chefoo.

15 July

5. The Communist troops in Yenchow (116-54,35-36) are troops of the 7 Column, the 8 Column and part of the 13 Column.

17 July

6. The Communist casualties in the recent battle in northern Honan are estimated at 72,000, leaving the Communist strength in Central China south of the Yellow River numbering approximately 270,000. Of this total, about 80,000

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(which includes nine columns and military district troops) are in southwestern Shantung under CHEN Yi. Six columns, two brigades and military district troops (total strength about 100,000) are in Hopei under LIU Po-ch'eng. The remaining 90,000 are in northern Honan under HSU Hsiang-chien.

7. Approximately 35,000 Communist troops under HO Lung (賀龍) are threatening Taiyuan (112-35,37-52), with about 23,000 of these troops north of Taiyuan and 12,000 south of the city. Fighting centered in the triangle between Yutzu (112-44,37-39), Taiku (112-33,37-23) and Hsukou (112-31,37-32).

19 July

8. The Communist 13 Column moved to the vicinity of Laiwu (117-37,36-12) and Tussukouchen (117-39,36-21). The Communist 9 and 10 Columns are in the Hsiachang (116-59,36-11) area. The New 7 and New 11 Divisions of the Communist Pohai Column are moving west from Changchiu (116-02,36-06).

21 July

9. All Communist units: CHEN Yi's Trotting Column, Liangkuang Column, and part of his 4 Column have crossed the Yellow River. The 3 and 8 Columns moved south to Tangshan (116-10,34-15)(116-25,34-27). The 7 and 8 Columns are holding Yenchow. The 9 and 13 Columns have retaken Taian (117-07,36-11).
10. The Nationalist 84 Division withdrew to Chiehshou (116-58,36-16). The Nationalist 64 Division is at Shangchiu (115-37,34-26).

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